

d) REMARKS

The claims are 5-14, 17, 20-22 and 25-28 with claims 5, 17, 20 and 25-28 being independent. Applicant's undersigned attorney acknowledges the helpful suggestions advanced by the Examiner during their telephonic interview on June 15, 2004.

During that interview it was agreed that the claims would be allowed if the following amendments were made to resolve informalities:

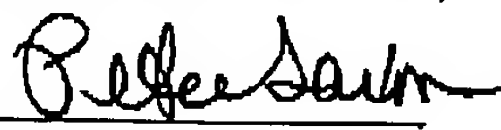
1. Claims 23 and 24 (as proposed to be amended) would be cancelled as being duplicative of claims 8 and 10.
2. In claims 5, 17, 20 and 25 "M" would be defined as "hydrogen atoms", since "M" bridges nitrogen atoms.
3. In claims 25 and 27, extraneous verbiage would be cancelled; and
4. Claims 26 and 28 would be amended to recite formula (I) where M is zinc.

The aforesaid changes have now been made. Accordingly, the claims should be allowed and the case passed to issue.

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